

helping found the program in Nashua, George also helped start Manchester Goes Back to School, which serves more than 4,000 Manchester kids and their families each year.

George has generously devoted his time and energy to programs that build homes for wounded warriors, and he is also a strong supporter of athletics in our local communities. A baseball connoisseur, he has served on the board of directors of the Ted Williams Museum and Foundation since 2003. George started and continues to fund several Ted Williams Museum Scholarships, including the Johnny Pesky Scholarship, the Ben Topkin Scholarship, and the Ted Williams Scholarship for deserving students. George serves on the Granite State Baseball Dinner committee, which has raised more than \$1.28 million since 2007 for several charitable organizations—including the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, the Ted Williams Museum, and the Fisher Cats Foundation.

In addition to his dedication to philanthropic efforts, George is a leader in New Hampshire's business community and has helped support the region's economy and provide good-paying jobs. As a dedicated and engaged citizen, George has made tremendous contributions to our State, and I am pleased to recognize his tireless efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of children in New Hampshire.●

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS AT ARKANSAS HOSPICE AT CHI ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL

● Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I hereby recognize the military veterans currently residing at the Arkansas Hospice at CHI St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock, AR, as well as the caregivers, staff, and volunteers at CHI St. Vincent who also served their country in uniform, and their families who have made their own sacrifices in support of our troops.

These men and women put their lives on the line in defense of our freedom and our values. They have kept America safe. They have defended our Constitution and our freedom. They have saved lives. They have gone abroad and waged war not to conquer, loot, and pillage, but to liberate and to secure "a just, and a lasting peace" with our fellow man, in the words of the President who commanded over our most awful war.

Our veterans served their country with courage, pride, and distinction. We owe them a debt of gratitude that we can never fully repay. Now, as many of the veterans at CHI St. Vincent are approaching their final moments of life, let us honor them and the cause for which they fought.●

RECOGNIZING THE 341ST MISSILE WING

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the men and

women of the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana who proudly defend our Nation by ensuring safe, secure, and effective nuclear forces and combat ready airmen. They are the best of the best.

During the fifth Global Strike Challenge, the 341st Missile Wing "brought home" the coveted Blanchard trophy for Best Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, ICBM, Wing in the Air Force.

Additionally, the members of the wing earned the following awards during the competitions: Best Security Forces M240 Crew; Best Helicopter Search and Rescue Team; Best ICBM Missile Handling Team; Best Missile Communication Maintenance Team; Best Facilities Maintenance Team; Best Missile Munitions Team Trophy, Blackburn Trophy, Best ICBM Maintenance; Klotz Trophy, Best ICBM and Helicopter Operations; Neary Trophy Best Emergency War Order Crew; and Innovation Trophy.

The citizens of Montana and this Nation are proud of the great warriors stationed in Great Falls at the 341st Missile Wing who daily ensure our country and our allies are safe from nuclear attack.●

RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

● Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to congratulate the students, faculty, and parents of Washington Elementary School, located in Valley City, ND, on being awarded the 2015 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Founded in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement. A National Blue Ribbon Schools flag overhead has become a mark of excellence in education recognized by everyone from parents to policymakers in thousands of communities. Since the program's founding, the U.S. Department of Education has bestowed this coveted award to just over 7,500 of America's best schools.

Washington Elementary School serves nearly 265 students in grades 4 through 6 and was the only school in North Dakota to receive the honor of exemplary high-performing school in 2015. Receiving recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School signifies the hard work and dedication of the educators, students, and parents involved, and I have no doubt its students are on a path to success. At Washington Elementary, every staff member understands that every student, regardless of background, is important and deserving of the best. To support its students, the school provides access to a reading program that has been vital in ensuring targeted assistance for those students who require additional support. Through this program and others, the school continues to excel and surpass necessary benchmarks.

As school leadership states, "The success of Washington Elementary cannot be attributed to one person, program, or initiative. Rather it is the collective effort of all the outstanding people involved—the students, staff, parents, and community members who continue to strive for excellence each and every day." It is through this dedication that the school provides access to a reading pilot program that enhances reading and language skills, a math and science curriculum supplemented by STEM activities, and history courses that emphasize creativity and flexibility in teaching.

The Valley City Public Schools mission statement reads, "Together we are building a legacy of excellence, one student at a time." This mission embodies all that Washington Elementary is working to accomplish by looking at the needs of each individual student as well as providing a safe and respectful learning environment that breeds success. I wish the very best to the community of Valley City and congratulations to all engaged at Washington Elementary for achieving this high honor. Thank you for your commitment to our children and leaders of tomorrow.●

REMEMBERING MELVIN HANCOCK

● Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize with tremendous pride the life and legacy of a very dear friend and an extraordinary West Virginian, Roy Melvin Hancock. Melvin was an inspiration to so many because of his deep-rooted passion for the city of Beckley. It is a privilege to formally recognize the impact that Melvin had on southern West Virginia through his dedication and determination to building a stronger community.

There was truly no one who loved Beckley more than Melvin. Throughout his life, Melvin had a persistent calling to make Raleigh County a better place. His love of Beckley even earned him the title of "Mr. Beckley."

It was through the YMCA of Southern West Virginia that Melvin launched his lifelong mission of community improvement. After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and Marshall University, Mel returned to Beckley in 1970 and started his remarkable 25-year career at the YMCA.

Melvin's meaningful contributions and achievements during his career at the YMCA are truly immeasurable. As a leader at the YMCA, Melvin wanted to make sure that Beckley's finest residents were recognized for their inspirational work in the community; therefore, he created the Spirit of Beckley Award. For the past 29 years, this annual award has been given to those who strive to make Beckley a better place. This year, Melvin was posthumously honored with the award. There is truly no one more deserving.

Because of Melvin's leadership and guidance, there are numerous YMCA programs that still exist today. Melvin understood that, in order to create a

stronger community, it is critical to inspire our young ones. That is why he concentrated many of the Y's programs on expanding opportunities for our kids. He grew the organization's programs, camps, and tournaments in a variety of sports, and he established the Biddy-Buddy Basketball Tournament, the Annual Invitational Swim Meet, the YMCA Day Camps, and the YMCA Pre-School. He was also instrumental in the development of the Paul Cline Memorial Soccer Complex facility.

In addition to his efforts to promote Beckley's youth, Melvin also was the organization's lead fundraiser, establishing the annual international dinner, coordinating the membership drive, and raising the funds for the current YMCA facility that serves local families.

There is no doubt that the YMCA of Southern West Virginia would not be what it is today without the dream and devotion of Melvin Hancock. He went above and beyond in creating opportunities for Beckley residents through the YMCA and in reaching the goals he wanted to accomplish for the organization and for the area's families and kids.

After ending a purposeful career at the YMCA, Melvin went on to lead the fundraising efforts at Mountain State University. There, he helped fulfill many university development projects, including the Robert C. Byrd Library, Carter Hall, the Max Lewin Bell Tower, the John W. Eye Conference Center, the gymnasium, and the dormitories. The university flourished under his direction.

Melvin continued his great work after leaving Mountain State University through fundraising efforts at Friends of Coal, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Ronald Blue and Associates.

After his retirement, he continued to be an active member of the community by pushing for the renovation of the Bobby Pruett Stadium and through substitute teaching in Raleigh and Fayette County schools. He especially loved the little ones in pre-K, kindergarten, special education and physical education. The students loved "Mr. Mel."

Melvin was dedicated to giving back to the Beckley community until his very final days. His last endeavor was a special project for the Women's Resource Center to help those who have been victims of domestic abuse.

Melvin not only loved his community, but he was devoted to his family—his wife, children, and the many members of his extended family. He was active in his church, he loved history, he was passionate about antique automobiles, he enjoyed being outdoors, he was loyal to his alma maters, and, of course, he loved to dance.

It is such an honor to celebrate Melvin's life and recognize his many accomplishments that have helped to shape the Beckley community. I will

forever be grateful for Melvin's unwavering leadership and for his countless years of service. Melvin's memory will continue to serve as inspiration for me and so many others to dedicate ourselves to the betterment of our communities.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neimann, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

2015 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY—PM 32

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit the 2015 National Drug Control Strategy, my Administration's 21st century approach to drug policy that works to reduce illicit drug use and its consequences in the United States. This evidence-based plan, which balances public health and public safety efforts to prevent, treat, and provide recovery from the disease of addiction, seeks to build a healthier, safer, and more prosperous country.

Since the release of my Administration's inaugural National Drug Control Strategy in 2010, we have seen significant progress in addressing challenges we face along the entire spectrum of drug policy—including prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, criminal justice reform, law enforcement, and international cooperation. However, we still face serious drug-related challenges. Illicit drug use is a public health issue that jeopardizes not only our well-being, but also the progress we have made in strengthening our economy—contributing to addiction, disease, lower student academic performance, crime, unemployment, and lost productivity.

Therefore, we continue to pursue a drug policy that is effective, compassionate, and just. We are working to erase the stigma of addiction, ensuring treatment and a path to recovery for those with substance use disorders. We continue to research the health risks of drug use to encourage healthy behaviors, particularly among young people. We are reforming our criminal justice system, providing alternatives to incarceration for non-violent, substance-involved offenders, improving re-entry programs, and addressing unfair sentencing disparities. We continue to devote significant law enforcement resources to reduce the supply of drugs via sea, air, and land interdiction, and law enforcement operations and investigations. We also continue to partner

with our international allies, helping them address transnational organized crime, while addressing substance use disorders and other public health issues.

I thank the Congress for its continued support of our efforts. I look forward to joining with them and all our local, State, tribal, national and international partners to advance this important undertaking.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 17, 2015.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 799. An act to address problems related to prenatal opioid use.

S. 2036. An act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1073. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to secure critical infrastructure against electromagnetic threats, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1317. An act to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1338. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1384. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

H.R. 1478. An act to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength or when the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation places a lien against an insurance company's assets, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2583. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3032. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal a certain reporting requirement of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

H.R. 3144. An act to require consultation with the Aviation Security Advisory Committee regarding modifications to the prohibited item list, require a report on the Transportation Security Oversight Board, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3996. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 24. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in